

Minutes - ISI House of Delegates Meeting
Saturday, May 22, 2010
Amana Clarion Inn, Amana, IA

Roll Call:

Clubs Present - Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club, Bettendorf Swim Club, Black Hawk Area Swim Team, Central Iowa Aquatics, Cedar Rapids Aquatics, Davenport Metro Swim Team, Des Moines Swimming Federation, Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes, Iowa City Eels, Iowa Flyers Swim Club, Mason City Swim Club, Muscatine Swim Club, Pleasant Valley Stingrays Swim Team, River Cities Aquatics, Vinton Aquatic Club, USS Destroyers.

ISI Board Members Present - Dave Joensen, Judy Hackney, Jamie Langner, Aron Nakama, Paul Eure, Tony Hunter, Kelly Hackett, and Janet Warren. Also present was Elaine Sortor, ISI Office.

General Chair Dave Joensen called the HOD meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Announcements:

The number of registrations as of 4/30/2010 saw an increase from 2009. Approximately 1800 annual memberships were received to date and seasonal athlete registrations are still coming in. In addition, a new club has formed and one club dissolved.

The 2009-10 year in review saw 19 individual short course state records, 13 short course relay state records, 33 individual long course state records, and 9 long course relay state records. Iowa was well represented with 2 qualifying and 1 participating athlete at World Championships Trials, 4 at Junior Nationals, 66 at Sectionals and a large contingency at Zones. Katharine Ross was selected to attend the Central Zone Camp. Two athletes will be representing ISI in June at the CZ Diversity Camp.

Other announcements from USA Swimming include the adopted 7 Point Plan for a Safe & Positive Environment, all approved swimwear shall carry the FINA label on the outside, and a revamped website.

No additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous HOD dated November 1, 2009 were motioned, seconded and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported ISI had a financially successful year. Gross revenue increased due to registrations. Increased expenses from the previous year were targeted on athletes for travel expenses and Award Recognitions. Net income for the period September 2009 through March 2011 is \$20,573.13 creating a positive variance of \$5,930.89. Motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded and approved.

Annual Budget:

Gross Revenue is projected to be \$66,076.29, total expenses are budgeted at \$62,484.05 for a targeted Net Income of \$3,592.24. The 2010-2011 budget reflects an increase in registrations, travel reimbursement expenses and a 3% Office Salary increase.

Old Business:

Proposal B – OME at Iowa Championship meets

Proposed by ISI BOD members present at convention.

Proposal: To implement the use of USA Swimming Online Meet Entry (OME) for entries at all Championship meets, effective 2010 season.

Rationale: OME is a service from USA Swimming that will allow teams to submit entries for Iowa championship meets. This application enables coaches to enter meets using SWIMS database information. OME pre-proves all entries and membership information through the SWIMS database, eliminating a meet recon & times recon at the last minute. Clubs would also be notified of problems sooner. If a swimmer qualifies with a time not in the SWIMS database, this time can be entered and will show with an asterisk. Teams may start entries and make additions later before the deadline prior to checking out. The host club has the capability of monitoring meet entry progress, running reports and downloading the entries into MM. The ISI office will be available to help the host club with set up through the final transfer of entries to MM. After the deadline, the financial sheet can be run and sent to the entering clubs for payments.

Discussion: Elaine reported several improvements have been made since the rollout of OME. There is no longer a time lag in the SWIMS database to approve entries. Combining events can be separated out and registrations are automatically verified. Entries still need to be updated manually.

Motion does not carry.

New Business:

Motion to amend agenda to move Proposal I ahead of meet schedule item, seconded, motion carried.

Motion to amend agenda to move Proposal H ahead of meet schedule item, seconded, motion carried.

2010-2011 Meet Schedule Approval – Admin VC

Changes/additions to the proposed 2010-2011 Meet Schedule are as follows: November 20, 2010 Q- at CRAA was expanded to November 20-21, 2010; January 7, 8 & 9, 2011 Open at ACAC was scratched; January 8-9, 2011 Q- at CRAA was added; February 12 & 13, 2011 added Regionals – Site 3 in Ames (Technical Planning to define region); and February 25, 26 & 27, 2011 ISI Senior State's location added Coe College as a possible site.

Motioned to approve as amended, seconded, Motion Carried.

14 & U Zones – Summer 2010 – Age Group VC

To be held August 6 – 8, 2010 at The Woods Pool, Lincoln, Nebraska. Open Water event held on August 9.

Athletes will compete as Team Iowa.

Senior Zones – Summer 2010 – Senior VC

To be held August 5 – 8, 2010 at Bismarck State College, Bismarck, North Dakota. Athletes will compete with their individual team.

PROPOSALS - HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 2010

CHAMPIONSHIP MEET PROPOSALS

Proposal A – Change Senior champs Warm-up/Start Times

Proposed by Bobby Kelley, CRAA

Proposal: Change Warm-up time for Senior Champs for prelims from 8:00 – 9:15 AM to 7:30 – 8:45 AM and change the meet start time to 9:00 AM instead of 9:30 AM.

Effective: Spring 2011

Discussion: ISCA supports the proposal.

Motion, seconded, Motion Approved.

Proposal B – Relay Participants at ISI Championship Meets

Proposed by Donald P. Spellman, ISI Sr Coaching Rep/ISCA President

Co-sponsor – Tony Hunter, ISI Club Development Chair

Proposal: At ISI Championship events (ISI Short Course Championships, ISI 12 & Under SCY Championships and ISI Long Course Championships) all participants in relay events/relay races MUST be qualified and entered to swim in the meet in individual events in their current age group. This rule will apply to normally listed swimmers plus all possible relay alternates.

Rationale:

1. Due to the growth of ISI Championship meets and safety concerns for the amount of swimmers that facilities can handle, the LSC needs stricter rules about overall meet participants.
2. This will eliminate the burden on coaches and parents (and swimmers) to have relay- only swimmers attend the meets. This will also make warm-ups less crowded at championship meets for those who have worked to attain individual event "Q" times.
3. This will insure the integrity of the meet as a Q (qualifiers only) meet in all aspects (both individual events and relay races) and streamline scoring procedures for meet management.
4. This rule will enhance Regional participation by encouraging more swimmers to attain ISI Q times in individual events.

Discussion: Amended Proposal B by ISCA to include "All teams are allowed one relay per event. The number of relays allowed to enter is the number of participants in each age group divided by four and rounded up. Scoring shall remain the same. Only A & B relays may score."

A friendly amendment to include "All teams are entitled to one relay subject to at least one qualifying swimmer."

Motioned to approve as amended, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal C – State Championship – 8 & Under Events

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 3: To eliminate all 8/under events and convert all 9/10 events to 10/under. APP-6.3 and APP-6.5.

Rationale: In order to align our LSC with recognized USA Swimming age groups, we feel we need to convert our state championships. There are no nationally recognized time standards or records for 8/under swimming, and we believe ISI should follow the USA Swimming example.

Discussion: The Championship Meet Committee has withdrawn their proposal.

Withdrawn

Proposal D – State Championship – 8 & Under Q Times

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 4: To convert all 8/under Q times from the B standard to the A standard.

Rationale: The current time standards allow for the largest events at our state championship to be 8/under events. We believe the current time standards need to be stricter to ensure the quality of meet at the state level.

Discussion: ISCA supports the proposal. The Technical Planning chair to set standards for our LSC since the 8/under is not a national age group.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal E – State Championship – Award Breaks

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 6: Change the term 'Awards Breaks' to '10 minute breaks' – APP-6.3, AP-6.4, APP-6.5

Rationale: During the course of the championship season many of these meets were severely delayed due to awards taking longer than expected. These breaks may still be used for awards, but need to be limited in order to ensure the meet continues to run on schedule. Awards that are not given during the breaks due to time restraints may be given following the session.

Discussion: ISCA supports the proposal. The referee can determine time allotted for award presentations.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

REGIONAL PROPOSALS

Proposal F – Regional Warm-up Times

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 1: APP-6.2 Change PM warm-up times from 'Not Before 11:30 AM' to 'Not Before 11:00 AM'

Rationale: Due to the recent size and variable sizes and ages of athletes at the Regional meets, we believe this allows for more of the decision of warm-up times to reside with the host team based on their number of AM swimmers, so there is not a long delay following the morning session.

Discussion: The proposal was amended so time lines can change. Time changes must be announced by Tuesday at noon before the meet commences. Split warm-up times must comply with the meet timeline. Meet will start one hour after warm-ups begin. ISCA supports the amendment.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal G – Regional Mandatory Breaks

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 2: APP-6.2 Add a clause that states the current mandatory breaks will be 'at the discretion of the meet host, if there is a warm down pool available at the host facility.

Rationale: Due to the length of the current Regional meets, if there is already a warm down area available for the athletes, then we do not need to take 4 – 5 20 minute breaks during the course of the meet. If those areas are not available, the host team needs to take the breaks to ensure the quality of the meet remains high.

Discussion: This allows the host to determine breaks at their discretion based on the facility. This will take effect 9/1/2010.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal H – Regional & U events

Proposed by Championship Meet Committee

Proposal 5: Section K Championship Meets; I – Regional Finals; K.1. Regional Events 8 & under events at Regionals – remove 25 back, breast, fly, free

Rationale: With the move of all 8/under events to the Regional meet, we believe in an effort to save time these events need to be eliminated. They are also not recognized events at any level, and often times cannot be completed reliably using either pads or blocks.

Discussion: To become effective Sept 10 – Aug 11. ISCA approves this to align Regionals with the state meet. DASH is not supportive or would bid a Regionals meet without 25's. The General Chair nor CRAA support the proposal. With the addition of a third Regional Site, cutting 8/under 25's to meet a timeline becomes a non-issue. Also to support retention of swimmers, this would not work favorably.

Motion does not carry.

Proposal I – Number of Regional Meets

Proposed by Bobby Kelley, CRAA

Proposal 6: Section K – Championship Meets, I – Regional Finals

A. General

1. ~~In the winter season, there will be an East and West regional meet. East/West. Highways 218 and 13 being the divider with Iowa City going east and Cedar Rapids going west for bidding purposes.~~ For the winter season, there will be three Regional meets. The meet bids committee will prioritize bids in an attempt to have host sites at least 60 miles apart.

Rationale: By having three meets, ISI will likely service more Q- swimmers than our LSC is currently servicing when only offering two Regional sites. Families with swimmers competing at Regionals are more likely to attend this meet when the meet is located closer to their home. This is even more likely the case during the winter season due to fears of inclement winter driving conditions.

Discussion: ISCA supports the proposal. The intent is to service the Q- athletes. To take effect September 2010. Does not apply to the summer season as weather is not an issue.

Motioned, seconded. By hand vote, 22 approve, 14 oppose. Motion Caries.

OTHER PROPOSALS

Proposal J – Spectator Fees

Proposed by Bobby Kelley, CRAA

Proposal: Add – ISI Code Book – Section I – Meets – 11 Fees

D. Spectator Fees

1. Meet hosts holding an ISI Q+ sanctioned meet or holding ISI sanctioned meets that has qualifying standards faster than Q times may charge spectator fees. Meet hosts holding an ISI sanctioned meet that has events sanctioned as Open, Q-, or events with qualifying times slower than a Q time may not charge spectator fee.
2. For ISI 12 & Under Championships, host clubs may elect to charge a spectator fee of \$3.00 per session, \$4.00 for an All-Day Pass, and \$10.00 for an All-Session Pass. Children age twelve and younger shall not be charged a spectator fee.
3. For ISI Short Course Championships, host clubs may elect to charge a spectator fee of \$3.00 per session, \$5.00 for an All-day Pass, and \$12.00 for an All-Session pass. Children age twelve and younger shall not be charged a spectator fee.
4. For ISI Summer Long Course Championships, host clubs may elect to charge a spectator fee of \$3.00 per session, \$5.00 for an All-Day Pass, and \$12.00 for an All-Session pass. Children age twelve and younger shall not be charged a spectator fee.

D.E. Refunds (Events and Splash)

Discussion: To offset the cost of hosting meets at new pools for Q+ meets, spectator fees may be charged to promote competition at newer, state of the art venues. Does not apply to Q- meets to promote attendance for younger, new swimmers without the added cost of fees. A motion to separate each of the four issues to vote failed. Motion to amend issue 1 to allow spectator fees charged at any type of meet as supported by ISCA failed. A facility fee may be charged by the host team if a request is made to the Board.

Original Proposal Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal K – Stroke Judge and Referee Zones

Proposed by Wendy Bielefeld, CRAA

Proposal: At swim meets, a stroke judge and referee zone shall be established around the perimeter of the pool (the sides and turn-end of the pool). No one other than stroke judges and referees who are currently working the meet may be in this area during conduct of competition. Coaches, swimmers, parents and all other personnel not involved in the officiating of the meet shall not be permitted in this zone while competition is being conducted.

Additionally, the area between the starting blocks and the timers' chair is reserved for meet personnel such as referees, turn officials, take-off officials, and timers. Coaches, swimmers, parents and all other personnel not involved in the officiating and running of the meet shall not be permitted in this zone while competition is being conducted.

The referee may designate an area outside the stroke judge and referee zone for the location of a designated meet photographer, but his area needs to be a specific stationary position, not one where a photographer is allowed to move up and down the pool.

Rationale: Coaches, parents and swimmers often walk into stroke judge and referee zones disrupting the ability for judges to fairly monitor the competition. From the USA Swimming Rulebook, the referee shall ensure that all swimmers shall have fair, equitable, and uniform conditions of judging. See Rule 102.15.5.

At the age group state meet, there was confusion in where coaches could stand during certain events. Coaches were told that they could be in front of the tables (in stroke judge walking zones) during distance events as long as coaches did not walk back and forth pacing their swimmers.

Additionally, at many ISI meets, a photographer has been employed by the home team. This photographer has been given permission to move along through the designated stroke and turn judges' zones, walking or running from the start-end of the pool, to the bulkhead or turn-end of the pool, and then back to the start/finish of the pool during races. Often, officials are required to step-back to avoid the photographer's movements.

Discussion: A friendly amendment to the proposal to strike swimmers from paragraph 2, line 3 was accepted.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Proposal L – National Athlete Travel Meet Reimbursement/Meet Classification Adjustments

Proposed by Donald P. Spellman, ISI Sr Coaching Rep/ISCA President

Co-Sponsor – Nick Lakin, ISCA Vice-President

Proposal: Iowa Swimming, Inc Athlete Travel Reimbursement rules will apply ~~at both~~ up to two ~~open invitational meets~~, AND closed-sanctioned meets (novelty or invitational) as long as 6 or more ISI registered club teams participating in the meet AND over 150 swimmers are entered to participate in the meet.

Rationale:

1. With the growth of membership and the frequency of meets closing in the LSC each season, this change will offer clubs the chance to hold closed invitational style sanctioned meets and not punish the athletes vying for travel reimbursement funds for not getting into other meets.
2. This will allow athletes more options for meet reimbursement while also contributing more funding to ISI through splash fees.
3. Eases the burden on clubs to run multiple meets.
4. Eases the burden on swimmers/families to attend multiple invitational style meets in order to gain meet reimbursement funds.

Discussions: Clarification to participate in a minimum of the three meets was made.

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Election of Officers

The following slate of candidates was elected to the ISI Board.

General Chair – Dave Joensen, CIA

Admin Vice Chair – Lucas Ferreira, ACAC

Treasurer – Doug Kolsrud, CRAA

Hall of Fame Committee – Don Spellman, ICE; Doug Colin – DASH; Dave Hapel – VAC

Board of Review-At Large – David Baker, UN; Keith Langner, BLAST

Board of Review-Coach – To be elected by ISCA

Board of Review-Athlete – To be elected by athletes

Motioned, seconded, Motion Carried.

Officer Reports:

Senior Coach Rep – Don Spellman announced the coaches for zone team are Don Spellman (ICE), Head Coach; and Assistants Lucas Ferreira (ACAC), Jamie Langner (BLAST), Brian Ruffles (CRAA).

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Warren
ISI Secretary